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1. AT THE RISK OF APPEARING IRREVERENT, TESTY AND A MANAGERIAL
NEANDERTHAL, I CANNOT HELP WONDERING WHY WE ARE CALLED UPON
TO PRODUCE YET ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER ON HOW THIS EMBASSY
INTENDS TO DO ITS JOB. SINCE ARRIVING LAST JUNE, I HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN THE PARM AND GORM EXERCISES, AN INSPECTION
AND SEVERAL ANALYSES OF STAFF LEVELS -- ALL OF WHICH CALLED
FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES
IN LUXEMBOURG AND HOW THE EMBASSY HOPES TO ADVANCE THEM WITH
AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THIS IS A SMALL POST WHERE NEITHER US
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INTERESTS NOR EMBASSY RESOURCES CHANGE VERY SUDDENLY
OR PROFUNDLY.

2. TO REPEAT WHAT WE HAVE SAID IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, AND
WITHOUT EVEN ATTEMPTING TO AVOID STATING -- OR, MORE AC-
CURATELY, RESTATING -- THE OBVIOUS, WE INTEND TO REPORT ON
THE FOLLOWING BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF 1978;

- (A) PRIME MINISTER THORN'S VIEWS ON DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES.
- (B) GOL PARTICIPATION IN MULTI-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE EEC.
- (C) GOL POSITIONS ON MULTI-NATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MTN AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, IF SUCH POSITIONS ARE OF INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES.
- (D) INTERNAL POLITICS, AS LUXEMBOURG APPROACHES NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN MAY OF 1979.
- (E) LUXEMBOURG INTERNAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY EFFORTS TO COPE WITH THE PROLONGED EUROPEAN-WIDE STEEL CRISIS.
- (F) GOL EFFORTS TO ATTRACT NEW AMERICAN INVESTMENT TO LUXEMBOURG.
- (G) LUXEMBOURG'S GROWING BANKING SECTOR.
- (H) THE STORAGE SITE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOL AND THE US ARMY.
- (I) LUXEMBOURG'S PARTICIPATION IN NATO.
- (J) US MILITARY EXERCISES IN LUXEMBOURG, FOR EXAMPLE, THE REGORGER EXERCISES IN SEPTEMBER.

3. THE DCM, THE CONSULAR/ECONOMIC OFFICER, THE POLITICAL OFFICER AND I WILL DIVIDE THE COVERAGE OF THESE ISSUES AMONG OURSELVES ALONG OBVIOUS LINES. THE ONLY CHANGE IN OUR PROCEDURES WILL BE THAT WITH THE ELIMINATION OF A FULL TIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC OFFICER, THE DCM WILL, AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING ON DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. LOWENSTEIN

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